

## INJIN WHOP FOR WYNDYGOU

## RED MEN SAVE THOMPSON SETON NATURE ACADEMY.

For the town's approval of a plan to locate the branch road along the Mianus River. Then up rose Duncan Edwards, a New York lawyer, who declared with some heat that the meeting was a snap affair, called in a hurry and too hastily assembled to consider one of the most important projects in the town's history. He wanted the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Six citizens were on their feet in an instant, all of them shaking excited fingers at the moderator, while the "Question Question" drowned out the flying words.

So the moderator put the motion to adjourn. That was where the Indians came in strong. Their whoops of "No!" were magnificent and the moderator declared the motion lost. Then he put the substitute resolution to the vote. The Mianus River route. That also succumbed to noise and numbers.

Then came the day's great moment and amid an otherwise perfect hush the moderator read the document that called on the railroad to preserve the joys of nature's academy. The "ayes" were a vocal Niagara, the "noes" a puny and stagnant Gowauna Canal.

Immediately the gavel fell Mr. Thompson Seton's friends and neighbors crowded about to congratulate him. Even one of two who had opposed him hurried up to assure him that they would not for the world do anything to keep a single human from learning how to tell when a bull-frog is hungry.

"I think that settles it," said the author later. "I do not believe the railroad will go against the plainly expressed feeling of the town. Mrs. Anderson is an estimable woman for whom I have the highest respect, but the route through her property is the natural one, the straightest and the easiest. It would pass nearly a mile away from her house, where she could neither see nor hear the trains. And, by the way, my book on woodcraft is getting to be an important textbook on the subject. It is published by—." Here the reporter was called away.

Mrs. Anderson is at present in California. Later on she will probably learn whether she considers it ungrateful. The Greenwich Public Library Building was the gift to the community. Her husband was at one time superintendent of Yellowstone Park, and while he held this position Mr. Seton Thompson (that is his name at the time) came to him with his most exhaustive studies of the habits of animals. John Burroughs came along later.

It is now up to the railroad. Meanwhile, the Indians will stick to the reservation. They have buried the hatchet, but the excavation is not yet excessively deep.

**SUES COMMISSIONER HERBERD.**  
Dismissed Hospital Official Wants \$25,000 For Damage to His Moral Character.

Charities Commissioner Robert W. Herberd was served last night with papers in a suit brought against him by Kelly, a former deputy superintendent of the Metropolitan Hospital, on Blackwell's Island. Kelly sues for \$25,000 damages, which he alleges is the extent to which his "moral character" has suffered through his being dismissed by Commissioner Herberd and through the things that the latter made public concerning him.

Kelly served as a deputy superintendent of the Metropolitan Hospital for about two years. He was appointed by Commissioner Tully. His salary was \$1,000 a year and free quarters and board for himself and his wife. Commissioner Herberd dismissed Kelly on October 16.

An investigation into Kelly's affairs disclosed that he had secured a draft belonging to a patient from the property clerk's office, cashed it and used the money for considerable time before returning it. The draft was for \$250. Kelly got hold of it on July 5, this year, and did not return the money.

Commissioner Herberd contended that Kelly had no right to take the draft and cash it, and when Kelly stated that he had been requested to do so by the patient, Mr. Herberd said that such a matter should have been referred either to himself or Deputy Commissioner Baker. The deputy superintendent said he had turned the draft over to a political friend who was delayed in cashing it. Commissioner Herberd called on Kelly for a more convincing explanation, and said that he was becoming the Commissioner dismissed him.

In the course of the investigation into the matter of the draft a number of things came out concerning Kelly that the Commissioner said were damaging to his "moral character." One of these brought in the name of one of the nurses. It became public also that Kelly had on one occasion had a fight with his wife. She caused his arrest for non-support and beating her.

Commissioner Herberd said last night that Kelly several times had threatened to be reinstated and threatened to sue if he was not put back in his old job. Commissioner Herberd says he told Kelly to go ahead and sue.

**THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY.**  
Branch to Be Established in Brooklyn Next Wednesday.

The Legal Aid Society will open a Brooklyn branch at 186 Broome street, on January 2, to take care of legal business for those who are too poor to employ a lawyer. For several years the number of clients coming to the Manhattan office from Brooklyn has averaged more than 1,000 a year, and the need of a Brooklyn branch has long been recognized, but its establishment has been postponed until the present time.

The new branch will be in charge of Mrs. Cornelia K. Hood, as manager, and an assistant attorney of the society, and will be organized to aid men and women in recovering effects retained by employers, landlords and the like, the collection of wages and such matters as may come before the courts. It is hoped that President Roosevelt may be persuaded to attend. It is announced that no tickets are sold for the ball and that invitations are to be obtained from members of the organization, it being the aim to make the function as exclusive as possible.

**BENEFIT ASSOCIATION SUE.**  
Mother of a Dismissed Member Seeks to Recover the Amount of His Insurance.

UTICA, Dec. 29.—An action regarded as a test suit has been instituted by Mrs. Ellen Farn of Oneida to recover \$1,000 from the Supreme Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association on a beneficiary certificate issued to her son, former Alderman Edward J. Farn.

Subsequently the Farns were expelled from the order against his protest for engaging in the liquor traffic. It is contended that the by-law under which he was expelled was non-operative in his case, there having been no such regulation when he first became a member.

**JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.**  
The annual ball of the Bachelor Circle of the New York Yacht Club will be held at the clubhouse, 111 119 East Fifty-fifth street, on Thursday, January 10. Novel features have been arranged for the evening. The lecture will be given by the unmarried ladies by the eligible bachelors.

## "SIEGFRIED" SANG AGAIN.

## AN ADMIRABLE PERFORMANCE AT THE METROPOLITAN.

Mr. Burrian Appears for the First Time as the Young Hero and Mme. Fleischer-Edel as Brunhilde—The Increased Orchestra Proves a Valuable Acquisition.

Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky Wagner's "Siegfried" fell into the midst of a genteel matinee audience at the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday afternoon. It was a capital performance of the scherzo of the great "Ring" symphony. It had some shortcomings, but they were not of a nature to detract from the general effect of the presentation. The spirit of Wagner was in the house and the audience was touched by it.

Three notable characterizations centralized attention, while the orchestra, increased for this work, as it will be for other "Ring" presentations, to ninety-six players, contributed a great share to the uplifting nature of the afternoon's proceedings. Mr. Burrian as Siegfried, who closed to New Yorkers for the first time; Mr. Reiss as the incomparable Mime and Mr. Van Rooy's admirable Wanderer formed a trio of imposing excellence.

Mr. Burrian is a person of prosaic countenance and unpoetic figure, but his vocal art, backed by a remarkably good conception of the part, triumphed over these obstacles. A rude, uncouth, vigorous Siegfried was this, developing by imperceptible stages to the passionate lover of the final act. His action Mr. Burrian was fairly free and in the forest scene unexpectedly picturesque.

He sang his music correctly, with most musicianly phrasing, and with appreciation of the textual meaning. His forging of the sword, virile and declamatory, was strikingly contrasted with his delicate, subdued and finely varied treatment of the woodland soliloquies.

Mr. Reiss's Mime, which seemed a year ago to have reached the summit of vocal ability, has actually improved. It was a wonderful impersonation yesterday. Mr. Van Rooy's Wanderer was quite up to its usual level, and Mr. Blass's Fafner was splendidly rich and sonorous in tone. Mme. Rapold had a little mishap with her voice at the second entrance of the bird's music, but otherwise she sang it passably. Her contribution to the performance, however, was not eminent. Mr. Gortiz was a good Alberich, and Mrs. Kierulff sang *Erda* beautifully.

Mme. Fleischer-Edel, the *Brunhilde*, was roused from her slumbers a little before 5 P. M. So far as she was personally concerned it was a happy awakening, for her impersonation of the reduced Valkyrie was the best thing she has done here. It was not an ideal interpretation, for Mme. Fleischer-Edel has neither the voice nor the art to cope with the more difficult parts. But her singing had moments of tonal beauty, and all of it was inspired by a warm feeling for the thought of the scene, which was also not ineptly bodied forth in her acting. She was a *Brunhilde* not great, but certainly very acceptable.

Mrs. Burrian has already said for the orchestra, but another is deserved. The players filled the auditorium with a rich, noble body of tone, mellow, solid, homogenous, the color scheme of the orchestra the dynamic range wide. Mr. Hertz conducted not only with his customary enthusiasm, but with unusual discretion. The orchestra last night was the best it has seen since the *La Bataille* of the *Manhattan Opera House*. *Rigoletto* was given in the afternoon and *Aida* in the evening. Mr. Hammerstein's production of the latter has been played in public and last night the house was packed to the doors.

**THE SYMPHONY SOCIETY.**  
Mr. Damrosch Presents a Programme of Russian Music.

The fifth subscription concert of the New York Symphony Society took place last night at Carnegie Hall. Walter Damrosch, not to be outdone by any other conductor in town, had prepared a programme composed wholly of music by a Russian master, Tchaikowsky. The numbers were the "Romeo and Juliet" overture, fantasy, the piano concerto in B flat minor, and the third orchestral suite, which Tchaikowsky conducted when he was here as Mr. Damrosch's guest.

The "Romeo and Juliet" fantasy is one of the most beautiful of Tchaikowsky's shorter works and as it has not been heard for several days (despite the efforts of M. Tchaikowsky) it sounded well. Mr. Damrosch gave it a vigorous, highly colored and dramatic reading and the orchestra played admirably.

The soloist was Josef Lehevinne, also Russian, pupil of the Russian conductor, Saffonoff, and expounder of Russian music. The B flat minor concerto was a pompous affair for his crashing tones, but he did not forget to put in some delicate tints here and there.

**Dr. Kar Muck's Indisposition Slight.**  
Boston, Dec. 29.—Dr. Karl Muck, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, who has been ill, is reported much better to-day. Although he did not venture out to conduct the usual Saturday evening concert at Symphony Hall, he is improved from the slight attack of tonsillitis which he has been suffering from, and he hopes to be able to conduct the special performance fund concert Sunday evening, for which a Wagner programme has been arranged.

**Washington Notes.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Miss Root, daughter of the Secretary of State, and Mrs. Root entertained a large company of young people at dinner this evening in honor of her guests, Miss McCook and Miss Harrison. Covers were laid for forty.

Senator and Mrs. Foraker entertained at dinner this evening.

Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Elkins, entertained at a dinner dance this evening in honor of her guests, Miss Pauline Morton, who was the only debutante in the Cabinet circle two years ago, and Miss Morton's fiancé, J. Hopkins Smith, who is the guest of Senator and Mrs. Foraker. The dinner parties of Miss Root and of Senator Hale, making in all about a hundred guests, joined later in a dance.

Mrs. Strickland, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, was the guest of honor at a tea this afternoon given by Mrs. James R. Garfield, wife of the next Secretary of the Interior. The guests of the Bolivian Minister, was hostess at a tea this afternoon for young people.

**Unexpected Hole in West 53d Street.**  
A crowd of small boys built a bonfire yesterday afternoon in front of 53 West Fifty-third street over a manhole which covered a subway containing a leaking gas main. The combination blew the manhole cover twenty-five feet in the air and tore up the street within a radius of eight feet. The police were laid out twenty-four hours to stop the boys. The hole in the street was fenced in.

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The first wedding in January, which does not appear to be a popular month for brides, will be that of Miss Beatrice Kobbé and Raymond Demorest Little on Tuesday week, January 8, in All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, West End avenue and Eighty-first street. The bride will wear a costume of white satin, with tulle and orange blossoms. Miss Hildegarde Kobbé will attend her sister as maid of honor, and the Misses Gladys Waterbury, Frederick B. Helms, Helen Alice Demorest, Florence Macy and Elsie Little will be bridesmaids. Arthur M. and G. M. W. Kobbé, J. Donald Morrow, Eltinge Warner, Frederick Hussey of Albany, N. Y., and Beals Wright of Boston will be ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Smith are cruising on Anthony J. Drexel's steam yacht Margherita, which Mr. Smith has chartered. The Smiths will be at Cairo, with a number of friends, a little later on. They do not expect to be in London until May.

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The first wedding in January, which does not appear to be a popular month for brides, will be that of Miss Beatrice Kobbé and Raymond Demorest Little on Tuesday week, January 8, in All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, West End avenue and Eighty-first street. The bride will wear a costume of white satin, with tulle and orange blossoms. Miss Hildegarde Kobbé will attend her sister as maid of honor, and the Misses Gladys Waterbury, Frederick B. Helms, Helen Alice Demorest, Florence Macy and Elsie Little will be bridesmaids. Arthur M. and G. M. W. Kobbé, J. Donald Morrow, Eltinge Warner, Frederick Hussey of Albany, N. Y., and Beals Wright of Boston will be ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Smith are cruising on Anthony J. Drexel's steam yacht Margherita, which Mr. Smith has chartered. The Smiths will be at Cairo, with a number of friends, a little later on. They do not expect to be in London until May.

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